

**DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN  
APPLICATION USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)****Title of Invention:** **SAMPLE HOLDING DEVICE AND METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF**

As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

- ☐ The attached application, or  
☒ U.S. Pat. App. No. 10/561,684 or PCT App. No. PCT/ , filed on December 22, 2005,  
☐ As amended on (if applicable);

I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;


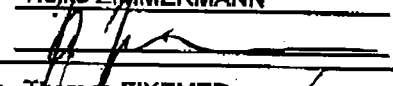
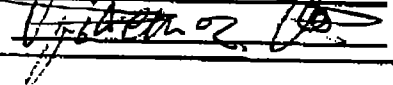
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